

# Oklahoma Crop Weather



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## Rita Missed Oklahoma and Oklahoma Missed Rain

Six of the nine districts received no rain over the week, leaving many Oklahoma crops thirsty and in need of moisture. Widespread rains that were anticipated from Hurricane Rita never came as the hurricane shifted to the northeast and only brought moisture to the southeast corner of the State. Temperatures continued to be unseasonably warm. District temperatures averaged in the upper seventies, about 4 degrees higher than last week's average and almost 9 degrees higher than the average this time last year. The warmer than normal temperatures and lack of rain have adversely affected the soil moisture, but the row crops were able to maintain their mostly good condition. There were 6.3 days suitable for field work last week.

### TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	11	33	55	1
Last Week	5	22	68	5
Last Year	13	39	47	1

### SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	10	28	60	2
Last Week	10	22	66	2
Last Year	16	34	50	0

**Small Grains:** Wheat and rye seedbed preparations neared completion while oat seedbed preparation slowly inched toward the three-quarter mark. Many producers were busy planting wheat in anticipation of the hurricane moisture that never happened. Wheat planted jumped 19 points. The crop has started to emerge Statewide. Rye seeding and emergence remained well ahead of normal. Three percent of the oat crop was planted at week's end.

**Row Crops:** Corn reaching maturity was virtually complete as progress jumped another 18 points to 98 percent. Corn harvest reached the two-thirds mark. Harvest in the Panhandle, the largest corn district, increased 28 points to 44 percent by week's end. Nearly all of the sorghum has headed while sorghum turning color was 6 points above normal at 88 percent. Sorghum reaching maturity and harvested at 48 and 22 percent, respectively, were both behind normal. Soybean maturity continued at a normal pace. Twenty-three percent of the soybeans were harvested. Peanut being dug increased 13 points and were ahead of normal by 4 points. Peanut digging increased 4 points and was 6 percent complete. Peanut combining began in some areas and was 2 percent complete by weeks end. Sixty-seven percent of the cotton bolls were open, 2 points behind normal.

### ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending September 25, 2005

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Soybeans	2	12	37	41	8
Peanuts	0	3	24	65	8
Cotton	7	8	22	57	6
Sorghum	0	4	31	41	24

**Hay:** Both alfalfa and other hay conditions were mostly good to fair. The fifth cutting of alfalfa was just under 75 percent complete. The sixth cutting of alfalfa was well ahead of normal at 14 percent. The second cutting of other hay was up 4 points to 79 percent complete.

### HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending September 25, 2005

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	3	7	30	55	5
Other Hay	3	10	37	45	5

**Miscellaneous Commodities:** Pecan condition was mostly fair to good and the nut set was rated as light to average.

**Pasture and Range:** Overall, pasture and range conditions were mostly good to fair. The Southeast district still reported pasture and range condition as mostly very poor to poor. Rain was still needed in many areas to fill stock ponds.

**Livestock:** Livestock conditions were mostly good. Livestock marketings were rated as average. Death loss of cattle was mostly light to average. Livestock insect activity was mostly light. Feeder steers less than 800 pounds were \$117.61 per cwt, a \$0.74 increase from last week. Feeder heifers less than 800 pounds were \$111.18 per cwt, a \$1.00 increase from last week.

### LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending September 25, 2005

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	0	36	60	4
Pasture & Range	7	12	32	44	5



OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS									
Week Ending September 25, 2005									
Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Seedbed Prepared	93	86	94	88	Mature	56	45	53	58
Planted	41	22	45	39	Harvested	23	19	30	34
Emerged	13	4	15	16	Peanuts -				
Oats -					Mature	60	47	75	56
Seedbed Prepared	72	64	66	70	Dug	6	2	5	7
Planted	3	2	11	17	Combined	2	N/A	3	2
Rye					Cotton -				
Seedbed Prepared	90	87	100	90	Bolls Opening	67	41	76	69
Planted	60	42	63	50	Alfalfa -				
Emerged	37	18	33	26	5 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	73	56	63	38
Corn -					6 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	14	5	12	2
Mature	98	80	78	91	Other Hay -				
Harvested	66	47	52	64	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	79	75	89	80
Sorghum -									
Headed	98	94	98	98					
Coloring	88	73	77	82					
Mature	48	32	43	56					
Harvested	22	18	29	35					

**Weather for Week Ending September 25, 2005** - Temperatures ranged from 52 degrees at Boise City on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, to 101 degrees at Webbers Falls on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Precipitation averaged 0.00 inches in six of the nine districts to 1.10 inches in the Southeast district. Soil temperatures averaged 73 degrees at Cloudy on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, to 87 degrees at Hugo on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA							
Week Ending September 25, 2005							
Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	September 1, 2005 to September 25, 2005		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
	Degrees			Inches			
Panhandle	90	61	75	0.00	0.55	-1.02	35
West Central	93	65	79	0.00	1.06	-1.46	42
Southwest	94	66	79	0.00	2.93	+0.10	104
North Central	94	66	79	0.00	0.97	-1.64	37
Central	93	68	80	0.00	2.21	-1.21	65
South Central	94	68	80	0.01	2.49	-1.12	69
Northeast	92	68	79	0.00	2.17	-1.82	54
East Central	93	68	80	0.16	1.78	-2.35	43
Southeast	94	68	80	1.10	3.22	-0.59	85

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